



## H.Res. 1021 – Supporting the goals, ideals, and history of National Women's History Month

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1021 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) on March 4, 2008. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform ordered the bill to be reported as amended by voice vote on March 13, 2008.

H.Res. 1021 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 1, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 1021 resolves that the House supports the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month and recognizes and honors the women and organizations in the United States that have fought for and continue to promote the teaching of women's history.

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### BACKGROUND

The first National Women's History Week was celebrated on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1978 after the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated the idea. In 1981, Congress passed S.J.Res 28, making Women's History Week a national observance event.

In 1987, after responding to the growing popularity of women's history celebrations, and after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress expanded Women's History Week into Women's History Month, which is celebrated every year in the month of March. The goals of the month are to encourage teachers, workers, and community leaders to commemorate and celebrate the contributions of women throughout history.

The theme for 2008 is "visionary female artists and their contribution to our cultural heritage."

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